

Principal fears for students' safety

Holes torn in CP railway fencing was used as shortcut by Vanguard

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Vanguard students have been loitering near Place Kensington seniors' residence and playing near the CP Rail tracks.

Principal Kay Dila said she appreciates the actions taken by people in the community who have made reports about the incidents. Calling the police and public security was the right thing to do, she said.

"What we've been doing about this is enforcing what it is to be a good neighbour and what constitutes appropriate behaviour," she said. "We've had assemblies after each incident."

Mary Lefebvre, manager of the Hillside Housing Bureau, is worried about five holes opened in the fence bordering CP's tracks. There is a hot dog stand in St. Henri that she said kids were going to by cutting across the tracks and down the hill during lunch hour, she said.

"I have two teenagers, I don't want to see a kid hit by a train," she

said. "When you go over the tracks the noise from the traffic is deafening and you wouldn't be able to hear a train coming. How long before the younger kids find the holes in the fence?"

Vanguard School, a private high school for smart children with learning disabilities, moved into the Selection Readers' Digest building on Metcalfe Avenue in the fall. There is no schoolyard and only recently part of the parking lot was designated a basketball court.

"We've asked the teachers to park elsewhere but a parking lot is not a school yard," said Ms. Dila. "We've put up fencing and a 30-foot (9 metres) high fence so the balls won't go over the fence."

Recent public security reports indicate that kids were seen on or near the tracks on Oct. 16, Oct. 19 and Nov. 19. The reports say holes leading to the tracks were found in the fence behind the Hillside housing project. CP police have repaired the holes but not well

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Mayor Trent says library information packet vague

By ALISON RAMSEY

Mayor Peter Trent has a few complaints about the information package given to residents on the Westmount Public Library last week.

His first beef was with the cover page.

"They coyly placed an evergreen in front of the new section," he said. "It wasn't very much to my liking."

The design for the section to replace the children's department and some adult stacks drew fire at a public information meeting last year. Some said the new design was ugly and box-like.

His second complaint was that information in the package was somewhat vague.

He tried to make amends by getting more details into the mock-up now at the library. It did not

include an outline of what services were to be located where, until early this week.

Former mayor May Cutler needed no such details to render opinion on the project.

"I think it's absolutely marvelous, what they've done," she said. "What impressed me is what Peter Rose (the architect) was able to do to keep his basic concepts" as outlined last year.

The project has since been trimmed by \$3 million, down to \$7.5 million for maintenance, restoration and expansion. The sum does not include landscaping, which would cost about \$75,000, said Mr. Trent, to move parking spaces to along Sherbrooke Street, and grass over the asphalt in front of the park entrance.

She said, of the poll being taken of residents, that those who use the

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A copy of an Albertosaurus is at the Redpath, brought due to Westmounter Valerie Pasztor.

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Prehistoric appeal

Dinosaur delivered in four pieces to the Redpath

By MARY CAMPBELL

SUNDAY Nov. 29 is D-Day at McGill's Redpath Museum — Dinosaur Day.

The dinosaur in question is a cast of an Albertosaurus, billed as an "all Canadian dinosaur — born, bred and fossilized in Alberta." It's 6.6 metres (22 feet) long, 4.5 metres (15 feet) high and in life would have weighed between two and three metric tonnes.

It replaces the museum's Megatherium, a cast of a giant sloth that had been sent to a museum in Winnipeg when the Redpath was closed to the public in 1971. The new dinosaur's presence in the main gallery of the Redpath Museum is the result of a campaign launched in February of this year.

Dream dinosaur

Says museum director and Westmounter Valerie Pasztor:

"I was standing in the reception hall one time with Peter Quinlan and some other people and I said what a shame it was the Megatherium was gone. I said it was my dream to get another dinosaur, and Peter said, 'Well, go for it.'"

So she did.

Shopping for a dinosaur is much like shopping for anything else. First you decide what you want, in this case the Albertosaurus, then you find out who makes it, and how much it costs. The Redpath's dinosaur was built by Peter May of Research Casting International, a company based in Burlington, Ontario. Mr. May built the dinosaur from casts taken from the bones

of an Albertosaurus discovered in the Alberta badlands. Each of the beast's 250 bones was cast separately in a polyester resin that encases a steel frame.

The cost — which included construction, crating, shipping and installation — was \$40,000. Donations to the dinosaur fund are still being accepted, but Dr. Pasztor says response to their fund drive was "enthusiastic."

Fund popped up

Besides the museum's three foundations, the campaign had the support of the Friends of the Redpath Museum (and especially of Westmounter Anne Pasold, who co-ordinated the group's volunteers). It also enjoyed the spontaneous support of school groups, which held bake sales or popcorn sales and donated the proceeds to the dinosaur fund.

Zeller, as the Redpath dinosaur is known (it's named after one of the museum's supporting foundations) arrived in the back of a Ryder truck in September. He was in four easy to assemble pieces, and went together in no time. The cast, says Dr. Pasztor, is "better, in a way, than an actual fossil, because you can't drill holes in a real fossil to put the metal supports inside. There has to be an exterior support structure and it doesn't look as good."

Zeller needs no such exterior structure and stands, seemingly unsupported, in the museum gallery.

The dinosaur is an important element in an important institution, according to Dr. Pasztor. The Redpath is Montreal's only

natural history museum. It was closed to the public in 1971, for financial reasons, and reopened only in 1986.

Them, then us?

"The dinosaur has been bought by Montrealeers," says Dr. Pasztor. "That's very nice, it symbolizes the reopening of the Redpath as a public museum... Families have told us how important it is. Most people have fond memories of something like the dinosaur display, it's the kind of thing that can really make an impression on children."

The dinosaur's official welcome will take place on Sunday, Nov. 29. Admission to the museum that day will be free from 1 to 5 p.m. and the dinosaur's creator, Peter May, will give a talk on "How to Build a Dinosaur." (Mr. May has recently worked with director Steven Spielberg who is turning *Jurassic Park*, a novel about dinosaurs, into a film.)

Dr. Pasztor expects Zeller to be a crowd pleaser, given our general fascination with dinosaurs, although just what is at the root of that fascination she can't say for sure:

"Maybe it's that they were successful for 150 million years. They were everywhere, there were many types — big, small, vegetarians, carnivores, marine varieties — and then they were extinct... There's a message there. Nothing on this planet is fixed, everything is always changing, if the dinosaurs could go — so could we."

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Westmount Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Nov. 26

Lecture: Jean Beliveau will be at Webster Hall, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd., at 1:30 p.m., to discuss his days with the Montreal Canadiens. Everyone welcome. Free.

Theatre: Triumverate presents *The House of Blue Leaves* at Atwater Library at 8 p.m. nightly until Dec. 5. Tickets \$10; \$6 for Equity members, students and seniors. 767-7690.

Screening: *Portrait of an artist*, a film about the late Frida Kahlo of Mexico,

at The McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave., at 7 p.m. Discussion, coffee and cake follow. \$5.

Vernissage at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke St., at 5 p.m. for the Montreal premiere of the paintings of Sophie Zahlan de Cayetti. The exhibit continues until Dec. 13. 484-1488.

Crafts sale: Cultures, a non-profit crafts boutique at Westmount Y, 4585 Sherbrooke St., until tomorrow.

Christmas cards: Grenfell Association cards are on sale at Bel-Air Travel Inc., 1373 Greene Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday until Dec. 11.

Christmas cards: Volunteers will sell cards, 50 cents each, designed by Montreal schoolchildren, to support Montreal Children's Hospital, at the entrance to the supermarket in Place Alexis Nihon. Sale continues to Saturday.

Friday, Nov. 27

Clothing sale: At St. Léon de Westmount Church, Clarke at de Maisonneuve, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28

Bazaar: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 175 Metcalfe Ave. at Hillside for Vanguard Intercultural High School.

Clothing sale: At St. Léon de Westmount Church, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

For kids: Samedi Greene presents Natalie Holinger with "Science wizardry."

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St. Non-smoking.

Sunday, Nov. 29

Bazaar and auction: The fourth annual Giant Steps bazaar and auction at Victoria Hall. Bake sale and bazaar from 1 to 3 p.m.; auction from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission free, but bid numbers are \$5. Visa and Mastercard accepted at auction.

Used furs: Chomedy Chapter B'nai Brith Women used fur and leather coat sale at Victoria Hall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission and refreshments free.

Advent carol service at St. Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill, at 4 p.m.

For seniors: Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim. "The Great Piano Virtuosi of the 20th Century." Listen to the pianos of

Arthur Rubinstein and Vladimir Horowitz with commentary by Lewis Lutter. Members \$3.50, others, \$4. Please bring small bills. 937-9471.

Adult Prisoners of Childhood anonymous support group meets at 7 p.m. every Sunday in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St. \$1.

Monday, Nov. 30

Hand-painted furniture exhibit opens at 4450 Sherbrooke St. tonight from 5 to 9 p.m. The exhibit continues Dec. 1 to 3 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For kids: Montreal Children's Library, Atwater branch, re-opens following renovations. 931-2304.

Montreal Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Third nature competition and slide presentation by Jack Rothenberg, "A Lesson in Wildlife Photography." Guests welcome. Rear entrance.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Vernissage for John Collins' annual exhibition at Galerie Dan Delaney, 318 Victoria Ave., from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The exhibit continues until Dec. 22. 484-4691.

TOPS, a dieting support group, meets at Greene Avenue Community Centre from 7 to 8:30 p.m. weekly. \$1.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

For seniors: SWAG meeting at 10 a.m. at Victoria Hall. Fred Caluori, Westmount's city engineer, on "Keeping Seniors Walking," and the screening of a short film depicting proposed Westmount boundaries 20 years ago. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Book fair: From 1 to 3:30 p.m. at St. George's Elementary School gym, 3685 The Boulevard. Barbar Bookstore

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Police hit paydirt with driver

An 34-year-old man was discovered passed out in his parked car in front of 581 Grosvenor Ave. with the motor running early Sunday

morning.

The intoxicated man from Etobicoke, Ont. was slouched in a Mazda 626 when public safety officers tried to rouse him from sleep. He was searched, handcuffed and police were called. He was described by public security as having no balance and no shoes on.

When police arrived it was determined that his blood alcohol count was above the legal limit of .08. When searched, the suspect was found with counterfeit U.S. bills in \$20, \$5 and \$1 denominations.

Investigation of the case was then handed over to the fraud department of the Montreal Urban Community police.

WMA likes library plan

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library occasionally or not at all need not be taken into account.

"I don't think non-library users are relevant," she said. "People who don't use the library don't care if it falls down."

Mr. Trent allowed people who do not use the library often might make that choice because ventilation is poor, for instance. Also lower shelves of the adult stacks are difficult to reach, commented Westmount Municipal Association past president Tom Thompson.

The WMA has come out in favour of the project, but has some questions yet to be answered.

Mr. Thompson wants to make sure other projects are not forgotten or shelved in favour of the library project.

The WMA urges that work begin as soon as possible, and that the project not go overbudget.

Fixing the "air conditioning in Victoria Hall is long overdue," he commented.

Mr. Rose is satisfied the contingency fund is sufficient, though it was trimmed to bring down the overall cost.

"It's important do to big projects in these times," said Mrs. Cutler.

Mr. Rose agreed, saying, "The best time to build is in a recession. Interest rates are the lowest they have ever been, construction costs. I think, are in 1980 dollars and we can get the best people available to work."

The Westmount Finance Action Committee, a council watchdog, could not be reached for comment.

\$1.4 million being sunk into Atwater bus station

Schedules are now available for all bus routes

By MARY CAMPBELL

Work scheduled to begin in 1993 will bring passengers waiting for buses at the Atwater terminal in from the cold.

Jean Savard, spokesperson for the MUCTC, says the plan for the Atwater terminal includes eliminating the overhangs which now shelter passengers and enlarging the enclosed area to allow passengers to wait "in the warmth."

The Atwater station, which serves seven day buses and eight night buses, is the most important night terminal in the system, says Mr. Savard.

Guy Chartrand of Transport 2000, the transportation watchdog group, says the changes to the Atwater terminal will have aesthetic benefits as well.

"The renovations will be good," says Mr. Chartrand. "The way it is now, it looks like it's been neglected so much. It's right across from the Forum and it looks like it's decaying."

The project carries a price tag of \$1.4 million and is part of a larger plan to renovate about a dozen terminals in the system, says Mr. Savard. Part of this money is to come from the provincial government, he says. The MUCTC is still awaiting confirmation of the province's contribution.

While the renovations at Atwater won't be realized for another year, there have been other changes within the MUCTC already being felt by Westmounters.

The availability of precise sched-

ules — showing the times, down to the minute, that buses can be expected at each stop — is proving a boon to commuters like Don Wedge, a Westmount resident and member of Transport 2000.

"It's already made a difference," says Mr. Wedge. "I used it yesterday to go to St. Laurent — a complicated journey, three buses to get there and three to get back — and I was able to time my transfers quite well."

Another change affecting Westmounters is rerouting the 90 at Vendôme Metro. The bus now turns into the Metro instead of making passengers cross busy de Maisonneuve when boarding or disembarking.

"That looks to be super," says Mr. Wedge. "I asked the driver what he thought of it and he said it was a lot easier... I don't know if anybody had actually been hurt there, but the worry was for people dashing across from the Metro to the bus."

Mr. Wedge says the changes are significant not just in themselves, but in what they represent. "I'm really pleased that they've made these changes. It's not often you can get a large corporation to respond like that to citizens' requests."

Mr. Wedge says the 535 — a new express bus which travels from Atwater to Parc Avenue at rush hours — is a "welcome bus" for Westmounters.

Mr. Chartrand says Transport 2000 has yet to receive any complaints about the changes, which came into effect Nov. 9.



This commuter will no longer have to wait in the cold when the Atwater station is revamped.

City rents parking spots to alleviate arena crush

The city has decided to rent 10 parking spaces near the arena on a trial basis to clear up the bottleneck problem during hockey games.

This is despite the fact that public security director Richard McEnroe said the status quo would have to remain until next year.

The rented spots are located at

4650 St. Catherine St. directly opposite the arena.

"We looked at what we could do to alleviate the problem," said Mr. McEnroe. "The parking will be available daily from 6 p.m. to midnight and all weekend long. We're going to monitor it until the end of December."

The decision to do something about the dearth of parking was in response to a 141-name petition received by council more than

three weeks ago. It asked for a rapid solution to the problem caused by the blocking off of a portion of Academy Road. This change cut out 10 spaces, leaving only 23 legal spots, the petition said.

If the new parking situation proves worthwhile, the city might even consider renting more spaces.

Signs will be placed at the arena and in the parking lot advising people where to find parking.

Mayor Trent given ovation at meeting

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Mayor Peter Trent got a standing ovation when he told people attending a meeting on garbage that he was still open to further discussion on the subject of incineration.

At the fourth public meeting of the Régie intermunicipale des déchets sur l'île de Montréal held Thursday last week, the atmosphere was charged and adversarial. Régie president Michel Leduc squared off against incinerator opponents, according to witnesses.

Hillside resident Virginia Elliott said she was frustrated by the arro-

gance that characterized the meeting and turned to her own mayor to ask if he would be prepared to have a public forum on the issue.

"I just said I always was, still am and always would be prepared to talk to anybody on this," said Mr. Trent.

He said he was embarrassed by the applause and is concerned that some may believe he is having doubts about the Régie plan to build the \$250 million incinerator, which he said he is not.

"I think most were just relieved to hear a voice of reason as

opposed to the very bitter exchange they witnessed earlier," he said.

Politicians have to treat people with civility as well as being open to new and opposing ideas, he said.

"I didn't see too much of that the other night," he added.

Too much concentration has been put on what to do with garbage and not enough has been placed on reduction, he said. Although he would attend a meeting on garbage management if one were held, he said he wasn't going to traipse around Montreal to do it.

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You Say

Library should wait for improved economy

Yesterday I received the library renovation package and poll form from the city. Last evening I responded in the negative and included my thoughts on why the whole project should be on hold and "minimum maintenance only" be instituted.

It seemed glaringly obvious to me that someone (or more) at the city had not noticed that outside their window there is a planet in turmoil and slump. That the promotional brochure did not seriously address the intensity of this depression and pushed the idea that only a minimal amount will be added to our taxes for the next 10 (yes, 10) years when so many of us are struggling to comply with already exorbitantly increased tax bills seemed even more ludicrous to me.

My position seems now to have been vindicated by the Stats Can figures published this morning in The Gazette, pointing out how municipalities are the cause of much of the inflation rate increase with their employee benefit packages etc. Brien Grey of the CFIB was most succinct when he suggested a reality check for all municipal politicians — although my social consciousness would like to include a blood test as well — to be sure they are Earthlings.

Please don't presume by all this that I have no sensitivity toward the future of the library — although not a current member I have enjoyed the services of the library since 1964. The spirit and essence of any culture is its ability to inform and educate and Westmount particularly must continue the lead it has won so well over so long a period.

But let's remember that, like any church, a library is not an edifice but people and people need a little relief — financial that is. Let's all enjoy sitting in the present library for a couple more years and take another look after the next federal election... that might be a good moment to see, or at least contemplate, a turnaround.

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Library package lacks details

The information package sent to the Westmount community concerning the Westmount library renewal project is decidedly lacking in hard facts, in reasoned explanations, and in graphic material representing the new and renovated parts of the design. The style in which the information is presented is self-serving and, as well, insinuates that to use the existing Findlay Building is a risk to the safety of users.

As an architect familiar with library functions and requirements, I am particularly interested in as much information as possible to analyze, compare and judge the results. As a citizen I am being asked to have faith in council's unreserved support without any idea of what the project looks like, where the different activities are located, and what the costs really represent.

It is surprising to note that the information package has renderings of the original and/or existing buildings, views through glass walls of the Palm House, and one schematic plan. (To quote a current phrase, where's the beef?) At least THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER provides a view of one new façade, plus a general description of the project and where different activities are located; (including the fact that a newly excavated basement is located under the main building; is this restoration or new work?). Are only those citizens subscribing or buying THE EXAMINER privy to this information?

Apparently so, because with a visit to the display of the model and architectural plans and renderings at the library, I was unable to see anything further (not even THE EXAMINER's façade) than that provided in the information package. Surely with the architectural work and cost estimates to date that form the basis for this poll, the Westmount community deserves to see all the material that has led council to their conclusion.

Until then, I for one cannot support the library renewal project as described in the information package. This letter will be included as my comments to the city council poll of Westmount residents.

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Propaganda fine for war, not peace

Matthew Friedman deserves to be praised for his very enlightening column concerning the documentary programs "The Valour and the Horror."

I am 71 and having lived through the years of war, can recall the many instances when the public was bombarded with propaganda. This was a necessary ingredient to boost the morale of the population of the countries at war. However, 50 years after the fact, it is indeed childish to attack conscientious documentary producers such as Brian and Terence McKenna.

Let us remember that the official war history is meant to glorify the warriors and the country, whereas well-researched documentaries also prove that all military leaders are capable of serious mistakes.

We should be thankful to the National Film Board for standing behind "The Valour and the Horror," and making it available on video across Canada.

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CBC has the right to call the tunes

Instead of whining about censorship, the producers of the much maligned docudrama *The Valour and the Horror* should be pushing for the privatization of the CBC.

After all, as long as the CBC is funded almost solely by the taxpayers, government officials should have the right to review its output: he who pays the piper calls the tune.

If the CBC were privately owned and funded, however, it would be able to air docudramas that undermine Canada's heritage, with true independence. They would not have to worry about nasty Senate "inquisitions."

Canadian taxpayers would benefit from a privatized CBC as they would no longer be forced to pour \$1 billion a year into the network. The privatization itself could be accomplished easily. The government could sell CBC radio and television stations to its employees, managers and the general public in the local media markets and keep the network intact.

In short, privatizing the CBC would be good news for just about everyone.

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our Mayor

Peter F. Trent
says...



Mayor Trent is taking a break from column-writing. His column will not appear this week or next, but will resume on Dec. 10.

We Say

Say Yes to the library, if you can afford to

The city of Westmount is looking for your financial commitment in a poll sent to all residents last week. You get to decide if Westmount Public Library is simply maintained or is maintained, restored and expanded.

There is only one reason to vote No to the full \$7.5-million project; if the cost is unsupportable for you, personally.

Do not evade the question by assuming some people cannot pay the amount, and vote No on their behalf. This is a question for you to answer, about yourself and your household.

If you can afford the money, vote Yes.

If you cannot afford the money, but normally give a comparable amount to charity, forego the charity and vote Yes.

There is one other question on the city form. It asks if you are an occasional or frequent user of Westmount library.

Do not fill it out. This information should have no bearing on how your vote is perceived, but it might.

The temptation is to give more weight to those who are library users, but that is badly skewing the results. The question was put to all taxpayers because they will all be liable for the cost.

An infrequent user's Yes will cost him or her just as much as a frequent user's Yes, and both should be counted exactly the same.

There may be other things you would prefer to see the city spend its money on, but there is nothing better.

Reading is an integral skill anyone can learn, and learn to love, for it is something to turn to for delight, for information, or for helping one through a crisis. Reading fires the imagination, supplies heroes to emulate and ideas to stretch the mind.

It does not favour one group above another. A library is the tool which reaches across economic and social fabrics, or generational gaps. The Westmount library, easy to reach and free to those who live and study here, is truly for everyone.

Aside from housing books, magazines, CDs and such, Westmount library is something of which to be proud. The graceful brick building is the most lovely public structure the city has, and it is being ruined by neglect.

Reports of leaks regularly come to the

EXAMINER's attention in the spring and fall. The foundation is aging and the roof is faulty. The collection is at risk. The city must maintain the building, no matter the vote.

So the question is not if you will spend money on the library, but how much.

At a public meeting more than a year ago, residents said \$10.5 million was too expensive, so the city went back to the library committee with instructions to scale the plans down.

New plans were drawn that do not include such amenities as a reflecting pool. The new sections were also shrunk, and the price tag came down to \$7.5 million.

Of that, \$6 million will be paid for by taxpayers, by adding to tax bills by \$126 yearly for a decade, for the average home. And that is what you are voting on.

Keep in mind that whatever is delayed and added later will be an added expense. Not only are prices likely to go up as time goes on, but it is cheaper to redo your kitchen and bathroom at the same time. The projects mesh, and you save on calling the same labourers back for a second go.

The same theory applies to the library.

Unfortunately, only the outline of the plans have been made public so far. Peter Rose, the head of the architectural firm for the project, says the estimate is accurate, and there is room enough within that sum for contingencies.

The city pamphlet describing the changes naturally stresses the benefits and casts a rosy glow on the project. Since council favours the reconstruction, it is only to be expected.

But precious little information has been given between the lines. Unquestionably, there is a leap of faith to be made. Details are lacking. For instance, no mention was made of the parking lot, which, same as last year's proposal, will be adjacent Sherbrooke Street (no spaces lost) and hidden from view, as much as possible. This increases the green space outside the park entrance.

No fault can be found with what has been presented to the public so far. The plans are esthetically pleasing, practical and cohesive.

Skill, determination, luck... what's it take to win?

I heard an interview with someone who routinely fills out those contest forms that festoon grocery store shelves, come in cereal boxes or arrive with bundles of coupons in the mail. Trips for two, large cars, small cars, bicycles, VCRs, CD players, a lifetime supply of shoe polish — all potentially yours if you answer a skill-testing question and send in your entry. This inveterate contest-participant has won heaps of stuff, including trips, CD players and a car or two.

So, thought I, it's as simple as filling out those forms I've been ignoring and spurning. I shall mend my ways. Form filling? No problem!

Hah! The skill-testing-question route requires enormous drive, commitment and zeal. It is not for the faint-of-heart.

Oh, it's all very well when there's one form per customer. It's when you get unlimited access, when you can take entire pads of contest forms home that life becomes intolerable. Somewhere about the 51st, you forget how to spell your name. By number 83, you're putting your phone number where your skill-testing-question answer ought to be. Your handwriting goes, your eyesight starts to fail. Visions of VCRs dance in your head, but fail to goad you on to further form-filling. You falter, you stop. The next time you go shopping, you avoid products advertising contests.

My foray into that nether-world was brief. The cost of the average "free" gift was, for me, too great. I bowed out, leaving the arena to the person I'd heard on the radio. I'd like to win, sure, but I just don't have what it takes.

So I fully understood the feelings of many of the hundreds of children who packed Victoria Hall for the annual Westmount recreation department awards night.

Tables were decorated with paper plates of mustard, relish, ketchup and potato chips. Bearers bore trays of napkin-wrapped hot dogs to eager youngsters. In a sloshing vat of icy water lurked chilly soft drinks. It wasn't nutrition, it was fuel. So many people showed up that the earliest had to move into the balcony so others could find a place at the trough.

The presentation of innumerable awards began amidst the chaotic hubbub. Each member of every winning team received a certificate,

Beside the Point

KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

there were sportsmanship thingies and excellence whatsits and doohickies of outstandingness. It was fantastic. It seemed like just about every kid in the room must have got something.

But they didn't. There were, inevitably, kids who weren't on a winning team and didn't get a special award. "I never win anything," said one, tears welling. "I thought we won," sighed another as a team tramped on stage. "Oh no," moaned a third, shoulders slumping.

It seems every time awards are handed out to kids, someone questions the wisdom of the act. Are the kids who don't win learning good things from the experience? They should learn that competition isn't the point — it's how you play the game. Aren't they just learning envy and disappointment? Is it fair?

It's tricky. What about the kids who have done whatever — sports, spelling, math, music — really well or who have made an exceptional effort. They've worked hard. Shouldn't they have that recognized? If teachers and coaches help select winners, can't they be trusted to recognize effort and to reward it?

Still, we're left with the unhappy few who don't bring home a trophy or certificate or prize. Do we protect them from the difficult fact that not everyone wins at everything? At anything?

There's no pat answer. There were kids at Victoria Hall who seemed pleased at their friends' victories. They tended to be a bit older. Altruism doesn't seem to be part of younger kids, it's something we learn. The key seems to be recognizing that not being a winner doesn't make you a loser.

I know I won't win any of those lovely prizes, because I don't really want to play. Hey! I'm a grown-up. I can handle it. I have to admit, though, it would be harder if I did want to play and still came up prizeless. I might be piqued — feel positively childish — seeing others get what I was after.



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our M.N.A. Richard B. Holden says...



Effect of economy is before our eyes

Economy. Economic recovery. Kick-starting the economy. Retraining workers. Jobs, jobs, jobs. That's where it's at these days. A pleasant change from the distinct society ramblings.

The pre-Christmas session of the National Assembly opened this week in Quebec City with the usual cast of characters. So much energy was wasted on the referendum that there is a general feeling of having run out of steam.

Add to that the economic malaise and the public opprobrium directed at all of us, and you can imagine the atmosphere. Some of you may believe that those who hold elective office aren't conscious of the public mood, but don't be fooled by appearances.

Poverty and adversity are not distant images seen in reports from Somalia. They are ever-present in all parts of Quebec — even Westmount. And MNAs from all parties know it.

The Westmount Examiner

EXAMINING THE FILES

Forty-Five Years Ago November 21, 1947

Front page photo of the royal wedding. Cutline: "World attention was focussed yesterday on London, England, where Princess Elizabeth and Lieut. Philip Mountbatten were married..."

Thirty-five Years Ago November 22, 1957

Letter to the editor. "Sir: Fines have not solved moving traffic violations. Better results might be obtained by impounding the car for a few days instead. This might prove to be a deterrent big enough to stop some of our careless driving." Signed by: William R. Sullivan.

Twenty-five Years Ago November 23, 1967

"City council gave approval to a 2.3 million dollar urban renewal scheme at a council meeting on Monday night. If approved by senior government, the scheme will affect a section of Westmount stretching from Atwater Ave. to Glen Rd. between St. Catherine and St. Antoine Sts..."

Ten Years Ago November 25, 1982

"Westmount's well-known haunted house at Côte St. Antoine road is the inspiration of a new and eerie picture book for older children and teenagers entitled *The Haunted Dollhouse*. The story recounts the tale of Sarah, who makes a mysterious trip into a dollhouse she receives on her 13th birthday."

One Year Ago November 21, 1991

"Council voted Monday to accept an eight-point action plan on Cedar put forward by area citizens who have been meeting with the city. The principal point of the plan is to rip up the concrete protrusion at the mouth of Cedar avenue and make the street two lanes again."

our M.P. David Berger says...



Airlines in crisis

On Tuesday, Jean Corbeil, Minister of Transport, made a statement about the airline crisis in Canada which provides some answers, but leaves many more unanswered. Mr. Corbeil said the government will give PWA/Canadian Airlines a \$50 million loan to enable it "to explore with all interested parties, including provinces and employees, the actions necessary to minimize taxpayers financial exposure and to support a viable Canadian competitive airline system."

Canadian had been asking for loan guarantees of up to \$290 million from governments, including \$200 million from the federal government. The minister stated that further assistance might be forthcoming if a number of conditions are met.

The minister observed that both airlines in Canada had benefitted from government assistance in the past.

Other points made by the minister include:

- The Canadian industry needs rationalization. Capacity is too great for the current demand and prices are too low to cover costs.
- The government wants control of PWA/Canadian to remain in Canadian hands.

I believe that any agreement must ensure that Canadian carriers are at the cutting edge of reservation systems technology and in a position to exploit these technologies to the benefit of Canadians. Mr. Corbeil did not say that this was an objective of the government.

While the minister said that capacity is too great for current demand and prices are too low to cover costs, he did not say how the government intended to resolve this difficulty. The government does not seem prepared to leave it to the market by allowing one of the carriers to go out of business.

The only alternatives would appear to be to obtain an agreement between the airlines to divide up the market or to re-regulate the market. As was the case prior to de-regulation, the National Transport Agency would divide up the routes between the different airlines and determine how much competition any particular route could sustain.

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Garbage issue is not dead yet: residents

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Some Westmounters are determined not to let the issue of the proposed multi-million dollar incinerator die.

Bruce Thomson of the Westmount Environment Action group and Tom Thompson of the Westmount Municipal Association have both recently written provincial ministers urging them to withdraw support for the Régie's incinerator plan.

Mr. Thompson said he wrote Claude Ryan, Minister of Municipal Affairs, because he is responsible for the financial infrastructure of municipalities.

"This is not the time to make a

20-year commitment to obsolescent technology and programs," reads Mr. Thompson's letter. "This project, which was at one time suspect, is now decidedly dangerous to the fragile infrastructure of the community. The fear of the Miron quarry being filled has vanished. The basis for the Régie's desperate move to enter into this contract is no longer valid."

He wrote the letter because he said he doesn't believe incineration is the answer to garbage management problems.

"We don't want to get locked into a 20-year commitment when economically we can't even predict what will happen next week," he said.

The answer is to put more pressure on citizens to accelerate reduction, re-use, recycling and composting, said Mr. Thompson.

Weact is calling on Pierre Paradis, Environment Minister, for a public enquiry on all aspects of waste management and a moratorium on new incinerators and landfill sites, said Mr. Thomson.

"I feel the money would be better spent on massive publicity to make people aware of the effects of waste on the air they breathe, the water they drink and the soil they plant their food in. Once people

realize they're poisoning themselves by producing garbage, which is burned or buried and then enters the ecosystem, they will avoid it."

Prevention is better than the cure, he said.

"We have not yet been beaten down. The one factor that is most important and leads to all solutions is public awareness."

Stolen Escort dumped here

A suspicious-looking red Ford Escort parked in front of 4001 de Maisonneuve was reported by public safety officers Wednesday last week. After it had been sitting there for three days with three tickets under the windshield, the car was checked into and found to be stolen, said Lt. Richard Clyde. It was towed to the municipal lot.



The following building permits were issued at Westmount city hall recently:

Nov. 16:

443 Mount Stephen: for Estate Hyman Cooper by Canbec Construction, repairs to bathroom, \$3,000.

363 Clarke: for Sidney Gluss by contractor to be determined, solarium, \$2,500.

64 Somerville: for A. Bean-Knowles by owner, alterations to kitchen, \$10,000.

363 Lansdowne: for Serge Rivest by Le Groupe Centco Inc., nine plumbing fixtures, \$5,000.

Nov. 17

425 Mount Stephen: for Howard Gross by Frank O'Hare, install two plumbing fixtures, \$850.

647 Belmont: for Dr. H. Brown by Bouliane, McCall Cie. Ltée., renovation to bathroom, \$3,000.

708 Grosvenor: for Productions Bo-Mon Inc., by Plomberie Jules DuCasse Inc., install two fixtures, link garage to house, \$1,800.

1 Summit Circle: for Union Acoustique 1986 Inc. by owner, solarium, \$40,000.

587 Lansdowne: for H. Moore by Levine Brothers Ltd., four plumbing fixtures, \$1,250.

Nov. 18

No permits issued.

Nov. 19

41 Devon: for M. Thibodeau by Plomberie et Chauffage J.W., four plumbing fixtures, \$400.

116 Aberdeen: for G. Echenberg by Kasman Plumbing, 19 fixtures, \$4,000.

116 Aberdeen: for G. Echenberg by Kasman Plumbing, gas furnace and hot water heater, \$500.

366 Grosvenor: for P. Sergerie by owner, interior alterations, \$4,000.

51 Holton: for M. Robic by owner, interior renovations, bathroom and kitchen, \$20,000.

Nov. 20

4145 Sherbrooke: for Royal Trust by Leon Simard Inc., one plumbing fixture, \$1,500.

388 Roslyn: for Dr. Quigley by Renovations Raaen, interior basement renovations, \$3500.

458 Wood: for Paul Tellier by Plomberie Chado Inc., plumbing alterations, \$6,000.

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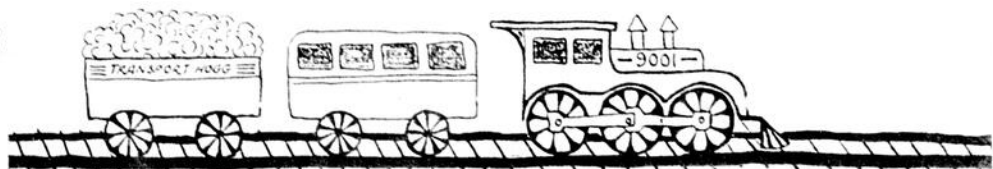
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CP rail officials patrol tracks regularly

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enough, according to Mrs. Lefebvre.

"The lack of cooperation on the part of CP has me frustrated," she said. "Safety of the children should be a priority."

But CP rail officials said they do patrol the area periodically and have been repairing the holes as soon as they can. They used to be able to charge people with trespassing but not any longer. Anyone young person found playing on the tracks these days is escorted home and advised of the dangers.

"Our approach is one of education rather than corporal punishment," said Tim Humphreys, senior information officer for CP Rail System. "We're trying to create awareness."

Fences get repaired as soon as possible, but to a large degree it's adults that open holes in fences to make short cuts, he said.

"It's frustrating experience," said Mr. Humphreys. "As soon as we repair them, they're open again, most within 24 hours of the repair."

The public security unit is also

monitoring the area on their patrols, paying close attention to the area where kids are slipping through the fence.

"We hope that they're (school administration) nipping it in the bud," said Sgt. Greg Cockerell. "We're leaving in the hands of the school at this time."

Public security director Richard McEnroe said he believes the problem is being dealt with and that the school administration has been very cooperative.

The re-telling of a student's tale about a friend who was killed on railroad tracks may have gotten through to the students with its poignancy, said Ms. Dila.

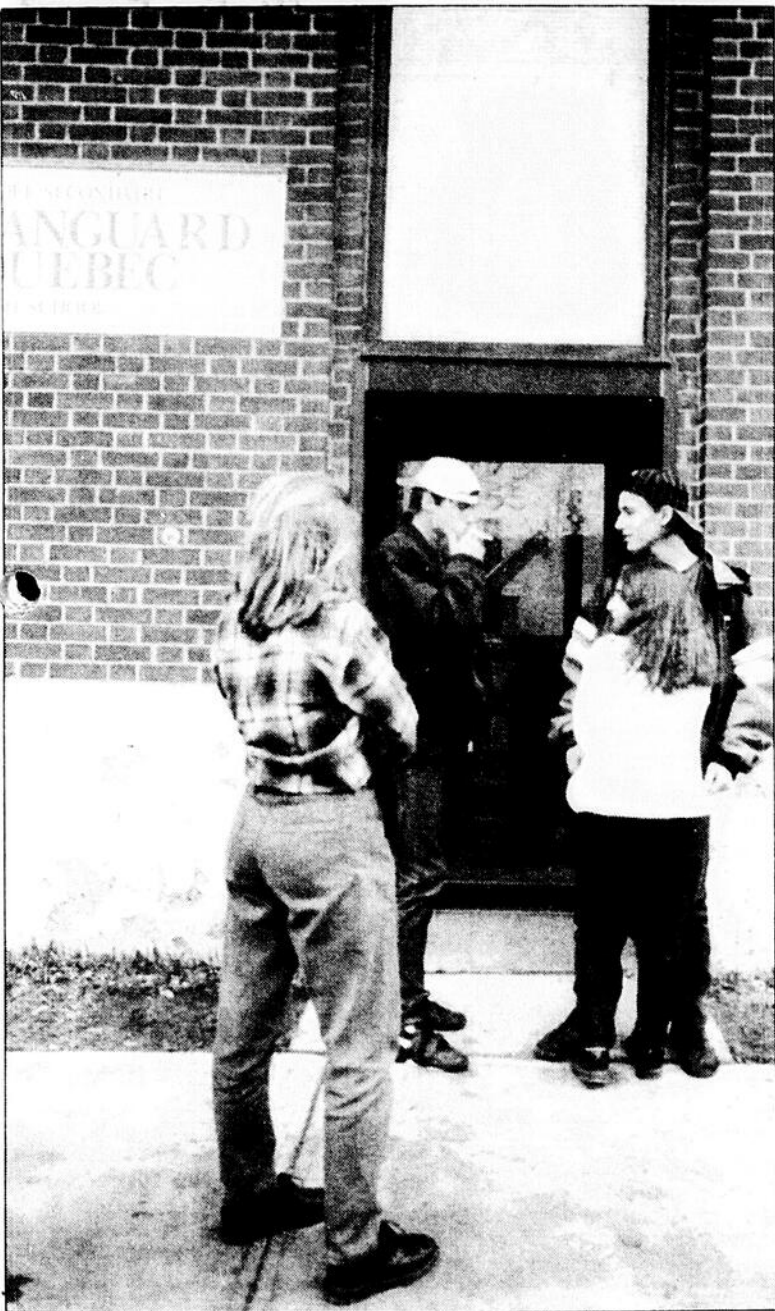
"Like any kids, they sometimes act without thinking but as soon as you put it in an experience they can

understand, they act on it," she said.

Sylvie Zagury, manager of Place Kensington, said she recommends that the kids be urged to respect the elderly people who live in the building behind their school.

"The tendency is for the kids to gather during their recreation hour on our driveway," she said. "The elderly are a little wary of teenagers."

Vanguard will be continuing to look for ways to be good neighbours and are currently planning ways to help out the community during the upcoming holiday season, Ms. Dila said. Any residents interested in helping out the school are asked to donate schoolyard items such as picnic tables, potted trees etc., she said.



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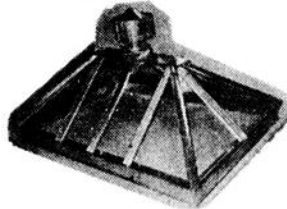
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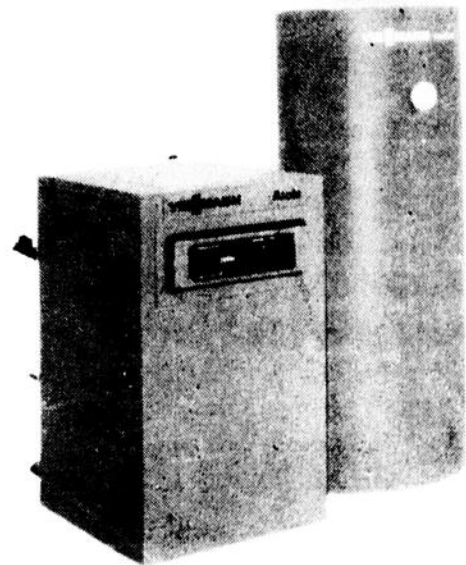
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Furniture painting a way of recycling

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Debbie Travis of the Decorative Paint Studio says the possibilities are endless.

"People come into the studio and it's like watching kids going into Disney World. They suddenly see all the things they can do with an old end table or the chest they've been using as a toolbox."

Ms. Travis and her partner Irene Mortola use trompe l'oeil and faux bois techniques to transform innocuous furnishings into works of art. They've designed a collection of hand-painted furniture which will be on public display in their studio from Monday, Nov. 30 to Thursday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

The collection includes custom-made pieces, like a screen painted to look like a busy Montreal street, and a dining room table with faux marble inlays. These represent the pricier end of the line. Ms. Travis says they're really interested in the pieces clients bring in to them.

"Of course, we're not going to paint over a Sheraton table worth thousands of dollars," she laughs. But they'll tackle just about any piece with "a nice shape."

"We also try to be true to the period, so if it's, say, a table from the '50s we'll do it in bright, fun colours. If it's an imitation renaissance piece we can make it very elegant."

Opening night of their vernissage will be by invitation only, but the public is encouraged to come at any other time to see the new collection. There will be a 15 percent reduction in their prices for the duration of the exhibit. The Decorative Paint Studio is located at 4450 Sherbrooke St. W. (corner Metcalfe).



A painted screen.

Darmo Auto cited for autobody work

Darmo Auto Inc., located at 21 Somerville Ave., has been recognized by the Canadian Auto Association for the quality of its autobody work.

Owner Albert Darmo says he's lost track of the number of years they've been on the CAA's list — it's "under 10, over five," — but he knows for sure they're the only autobody shop in the west end so recognized.

"When it comes to autobody work," says Mr. Darmo, "it's like a jungle out there."

People want to be sure to get

quality work at a reasonable price and that, he says, is where the CAA comes in.

"They do a lot for their clients," he says. "Besides recommending garages, the association will also mediate disputes between mechanics or autobody professionals and their clients."

Mr. Darmo says being recommended by the CAA is definitely a help for a garage, especially in a city like Westmount where "I have to be low-key — I can't have a big gaudy sign; I have to be back from the street a certain distance. I've been in business here for 40 years and there are still Westmounters

who don't know I exist."

Mr. Darmo says things are tough these days for those in the autobody business: "The recession, the price of gas, means people are driving less. The insurance adjusters we deal with tell us they only have half the business they used to, that means less work for us."

"I'm lucky. I've been in the business 40 years, I own it, I'll survive. But I feel sorry for the guys just starting out, they've got high rents, they've just bought expensive equipment, it's difficult."

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L'objet et le but dudit règlement est de réduire de 25 pieds à 15 pieds l'alignement de construction, du côté nord de l'avenue Sunnyside de la limite ouest du lot no 325 jusqu'à la limite est du parc Sunnyside.

Ledit règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ledit règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier de la ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke ouest, Westmount, Québec, n'importe quel jour ouvrable entre 8 h 30 et 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 23e jour de novembre 1992.

Me Marie-France Paquet
Greffier de la Ville

NOTICE OF APPROVAL BY-LAW 1103

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1103 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 613 CONCERNING BUILDING LINES**", adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on 5th October 1992, was approved by the qualified voters on 4th November 1992.

The object and purpose of the said By-law is to reduce the building line on the north side of Sunnyside Avenue from the west boundary of lot no. 325 to the east border of Sunnyside Park from 25 feet to 15 feet.

The said by-law comes into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said By-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk of Westmount, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, on any working day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Two caught shoplifting in the mall

Place Alexis Nihon was the scene of two shoplifting events last week with store security apprehending both suspects when they attempted to leave the stores.

Pharmaprix security caught a 19-year-old Montreal woman suspected of shoplifting Tuesday afternoon in Place Alexis Nihon, police said. She reportedly picked up a few rubber toys and put them in

her bag, they said.

Store security was ready again when a 16-year-old Dorval girl allegedly stuffed nail polish, eye shadow and eyeliner into her coat on Thursday.

Where were they going?



The following calls were answered by the Westmount Fire Brigade during the past week:

Nov. 17
 2:15 p.m.: 4884 Westmount, water leak,

contractor broke water main, Montreal water works on scene, no damage;
 3:53 p.m.: 25 Willow, water leak;
 3:58 p.m.: 4492 St. Catherine, smell of burning rubber due to defective ballast on fluorescent light;
 11:20 p.m.: 82 Summit Cres., first responder unit for medical assistance;

Nov. 18

5:18 p.m.: Greene (below Staynor), first responder unit for medical assistance (see police log page 32);
 8:04 p.m.: 4646 Sherbrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont, sprinkler trouble light, alarm reset;

Nov. 19

3:34 a.m.: 4000 de Maisonneuve #809, first responder unit for medical assistance;
 7:22 a.m.: 657 Côte St. Antoine, water leak from washing machine that would not shut off, water picked up by vacuum;
 5:03 p.m.: The Glen underpass, icicles that were hanging over knocked down with ceiling hook for safety reasons;

Nov. 20

5:25 p.m.: facing 4646 Sherbrooke, first responder unit for medical assistance;
 5:47 p.m.: 4006 Montrose, water leak from exterior garden hose;
 6:39 p.m.: 725 Upper Belmont, call for house on fire, house checked with no evidence of fire;
 7:58 p.m.: 28 Arlington, first responder unit for medical assistance;
 10:32 p.m.: 16 St. George's Place, first responder unit for medical assistance;
 11:31 p.m.: 331 Clarke, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc, noise in boiler room caused by activated generator;

Nov. 21

9:15 p.m.: 845 Bloomfield, mutual aid to Outremont, opened wall, ceiling and floor area to extinguish fire, assisted in cleanup;
 9:19 p.m.: 42 Anwoth Road, water leaking in foyer entrance;

Nov. 22

12:52 a.m.: 275 Brittany, T.M.R., code 3 automatic mutual aid to T.M.R. cancelled at 1:15 a.m.;
 4:18 a.m.: 3055 Sherbrooke #22, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont, cancelled at 4:26 a.m.;
 6:05 p.m.: Atwater Metro entrance, first responder unit for medical assistance.

The Westmount Municipal Association asks...

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The Ryan Task Force hopes to reduce the number of municipalities in the Montreal Region. New boundaries could cross many overlapping jurisdictions and services, even natural barriers.

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Attend the Westmount Municipal Association meeting, view the 25-minute film flashback, see the challenge of combining Montreal municipalities and join us in expressing our concern to keep Westmount cooperative but autonomous!

Date: Wednesday, December 2nd, 1992
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Place: Victoria Hall

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Roadblocks set up to deter drunk driving

The annual Christmas campaign by Montreal Urban Community police to crack down on drunken driving is quickly approaching. Two roadblock operations are

25 batteries found in bin every week

Westmount's battery bin is doing quite a bit of business.

City public works director Fred Caluori says they empty the bin once a week and usually find between 25 and 30 batteries. Residents may use the bin for disposing of batteries from flashlights, radios, calculators, hearing aids, watches, cameras, etc., which contain elements — like lithium — that are hazardous to the environment.

Batteries taken from the bin are stored elsewhere in the Corporation Yard, says Mr. Caluori, and, depending on the number collected, will either be held until the city's hazardous waste day, or disposed of beforehand.

Some concern has been expressed that the bin, located in the city's Corporation Yard, is not central enough, but Mr. Caluori says he believes the location is "one of the best."

"It's always open, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he says, "Not all locations would be."

The service is available to Westmount residents and is — pun intended — free of charge.

slated for Westmount on Dec. 4 and Dec. 18 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the corners of Sherbrooke Street and Clarke Avenue, The Boulevard and Belvedere Road and Westmount and Lansdowne avenues.

"Our objective is to sensitize people to the dangers of drunk driving," said Sgt. Lise Bergeron. "This will make them aware of the operation as well as the regular patrols."

Using the orange "Alert" box, officers will be able to detect blood alcohol levels above the legal limit of .08. It will give a pass, warning or failure indication, she said.

"When the fail indicator lights

up, the driver is arrested and taken to the station for a breathalyzer," she said.

The police efforts are in support of the annual Nez Rouge campaign held from Dec. 10 to Dec. 31, she added. Nez Rouge is the holiday campaign to cut down on drunken driving by offering drivers who have had one too many a lift home.

Laundry room theft

Four coin boxes were burglarized in the laundry room of the apartment building located at 4200 Sherbrooke St., police said. The theft took place sometime Monday.

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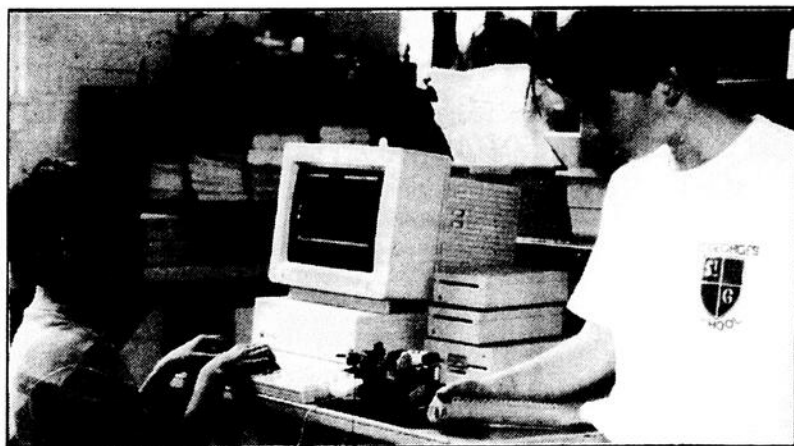
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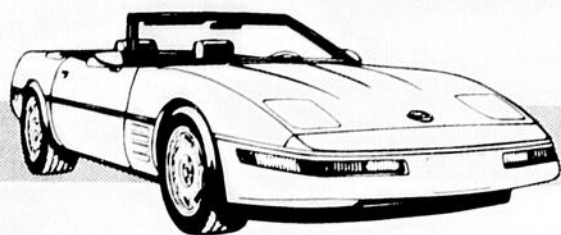
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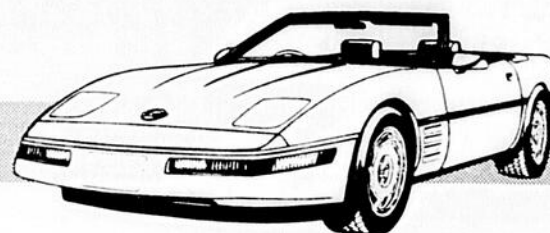
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By Sharon Achatz
Copley News Service

If your car insurance costs are careening out of control, chances are you have no one to blame but yourself.

OK, maybe the industry as a whole does seem exorbitantly expensive. But even within that framework, most consumers will be able to shoulder the responsibility can cut their costs.

How? By shopping around for the cheapest insurer, making intelligent coverage choices and driving safely.

Of course, if you're an 18-year-old driving a hot rod, or if you've had 12 accidents over the past two years, it's going to be impossible to find the rock-bottom insurance prices your 40-year-old station-wagon-driving neighbor brags about.

How much you drive, where you drive, your age and sex, the make of your car and your driving record can make the cost of your coverage go from 0 to 60 in 1 second flat.

What matters, however, is not how your rates compare with your neighbor's, but at which company you can get the lowest premiums based on your unique situation.

Of course, cheapest isn't always best — occasionally low cost is the result of inadequate coverage. The best way to find a best bet, therefore, is to first decide how much coverage you need, then shop around for the best rates on that amount of coverage — no more and no less.

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

A standard package includes several basic coverages: bodily injury liability, property damage liability, collision, comprehensive, uninsured motorist and medical.

Of these, experts suggest you definitely should not skimp on bodily injury, which pays medical bills for anyone you may injure, and property damage, which covers any car or other property you might damage in an accident. Most experts recommend getting what commonly is known as 100-300-50 coverage: bodily injury coverage of at least \$100,000 per person up to \$300,000 per accident and property coverage of \$50,000.

If you live in a no-fault state, you may have to buy personal injury protection, which covers medical bills as well as a portion of lost wages if you're disabled in an accident.

In all other parts of the policy,

look to cut costs.

Uninsured motorist coverage, which pays for injuries and other expenses incurred if you're involved in an accident with an uninsured driver, generally is a wise buy. Experts recommend \$100,000 of coverage, but this may be a duplicate of coverage included in a group health plan.

Medical coverage probably is unnecessary, as the physician fees, hospital bills, etc., that it covers usually are provided for by life and health insurance policies.

As for collision and comprehensive coverage, you can lower premiums paid by opting for a high deductible — the amount you pay out of pocket before insurance kicks in. Collision coverage pays for damage to your automobile when you're the victim of a hit-and-run or if you cause the accident. Comprehensive coverage covers damage caused by mishaps other than a crash, including theft, vandalism, etc.

Many agents also offer a range of other minor coverage — such as rental car and towing — that generally can be declined in the interest of reducing premiums.

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

By far the most effective way to slash costs is to compare tele-

phone quotes from at least five companies.

Insurance is sold through a number of sources: new car dealers, agents representing a single company, brokers who sell for several firms, mail-order firms that sell via telephone numbers and group plans offered by insurance companies to organized groups such as unions.

When you've decided on the coverage you need, talk to a representative at each company. Ask for its price on a standard policy, such as 100-300-50 liability, collision and comprehensive with \$250 deductible, and uninsured motorist coverage.

Make a list of companies contacted, then keep written notes of the various price quotations.

Aside from giving each company the same basic coverage info — so you can be sure to compare apples to apples — be ready to supply specific information as to the make, model and year of the car, the age of all drivers and percent of time they drive each auto, the number of miles driven annually, and a commuting distance to work.

Finally, ask each firm about various discounts, such as the following, that might apply.

- **Student.** Some companies offer discounts to full-time high school or college students who have a B or better average. Additionally, most discount premiums for teens who have completed a state-approved driver's education course.

- **Mature driver.** Drivers 50 and older may qualify for a discount, since many such folks drive fewer miles than other insured motorists.

- **Non-smoker and non-drinker.** A few companies offer incentives to abstain.

- **Occupational.** Some companies give discounts to certain professions whose members have proven to be less accident-prone.

- **Passive restraints.** Most companies discount premiums on cars with factory-installed automatic belts and air bags.

- **Anti-theft devices.** Implements such as hood locks and burglar alarms can result in a discount.

- **Good driver.** Some firms offer reduced rates to drivers with accident- and violation-free records.

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Engineers study elderly drivers

(NC)—People over the age of 65 now account for about 20 per cent of the North American population, and the percentage is rapidly growing. By the year 2030, nearly one-third of the population will be more than 65 years of age.

These figures are significant to automakers, according to panelists at a recent SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) convention. The group pointed out that a number of problems, such as poor night vision can cause seniors' driving ability to decline.

Engineers note that the death rate in accidents rises for drivers over 65, of rearview mirrors that automatically adjust to reduce glare; onboard sensors that sound an alarm when the car comes too close to obstacles; head-up display systems that project dashboard displays

onto the windshield; and dashboard-mounted TV monitors that provide an enhanced view of the roadway, especially helpful in fog.

The Chevrolet Caprice and Buick Roadmaster are two examples of cars designed with elderly drivers in mind, because a number of buyers of these cars are in the elderly category. Features include larger lettering of heating and air conditioning controls, larger knobs and buttons and less dashboard clutter.

GM engineers say they are working on other future models that will feature a wide range of benefits for elderly drivers, and leaps dramatically for those over 80. However, the highest death rate is still among the youngest drivers.

The panel concluded that engineers must consider older drivers when designing future cars, and use technology to help overcome problems. Suggested innovations include: wider availability

Automaker developing self-correcting computer

(NC)—If you look under the hood of one of today's sophisticated automobiles, you will find a maze of wiring, electrical components and other mysterious gadgetry that might baffle the most knowledgeable auto enthusiasts. For the "average" car owner, the chances of visually diagnosing a car problem at a glance are very slim at best.

However, a new "remote electronic diagnosis and correction" system, currently being investigated by General Motors, may be able to actually fix a car's electronic system on the spot—with just the push of a few buttons (and with no knowledge of car repairs required by the car owner).

The system, under development by GM's Group Lotus PLC in England,

involves an on-board computer, which would allow car owners to send data from their automobile to a central computer. This information would be compared with related information from a database for the particular vehicle model.

The main computer would quickly diagnose the problem and send instructions back to the car, reprogramming the vehicle's circuitry to correct the problem and put the driver back on the road.

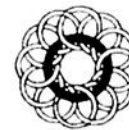
While GM admits that such a highly developed system is unlikely to be available before the late 1990s, the technology already exists to produce such a system. There appears to be no reason, GM engineers say, that this system couldn't be commonplace in the 21st century.

Clean-air commitment continues by General Motors

(NC)—It would require 26 new General Motors vehicles to generate the emissions of just one of the company's vehicles that was produced about 20 years ago. Over the past two decades GM has been actively researching solutions to help make automobiles and trucks more "environmentally friendly." Some of GM's projects include:

- Pioneering the development of the catalytic converter, which first appeared on GM models in 1975.

- Researching alternative fuels such as methanol, ethanol, oxygenates, natural gas, fuel cells and hydrogen GM currently boasts a working field fleet of methanol-fueled cars, developed by engineers at GM of Canada.



GREEN CARD

Automobiles: driving in a new direction

- Canada obtains 75 per cent of its primary energy from fossil fuels which contribute to global acid rain, and ozone depletion

- Cars also contribute to acid rain. They produce nitrogen oxides which rise and gather among clouds. When the clouds open up and the rain comes down, the oxides come too. Acid rain is said to have killed one-third of the trees in the black forest in Germany.

- Statistics Canada says that in 1986, 84 per cent of Canadian Households spent money on motor vehicles.

- In the same year, statistics Canada also reported that automobile travel accounted for 80 per cent of all intercity travel.

- In North America there are half a billion residents, and one automobile for every two people.

- In the world, we will produce another 20 million new vehicles every year

- North American automobile lines will churn out more than eight million new cars annually—Each vehicle will then churn out enough carbon every year to equal its weight.

- Canadians travelled a total of 141 million kilometres in 1988, 25 million more than 1980. And they used less fuel to do so. In 1988, vehicles used 2,087 litres of fuel compared to 2,688 litres in 1980.

- It's easy to hop in your car and pick up a carton of milk, but did you know that every time you drive in your automobile you are adding to the expected total of three tons of gasoline your car will burn in its lifetime.

- 75 per cent of new North American cars feature air conditioning which use chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's). CFC's contribute to depletion of the ozone layer. Instead, choose bright colored cars and use a window shade when parking the car in hot weather.

- One litre of oil can contaminate 2 million litres of water (workplace guide p. 37) you can either collect used oil and take it to a waste oil depot (p.36) or you can ask at the service station to have your oil recycled.

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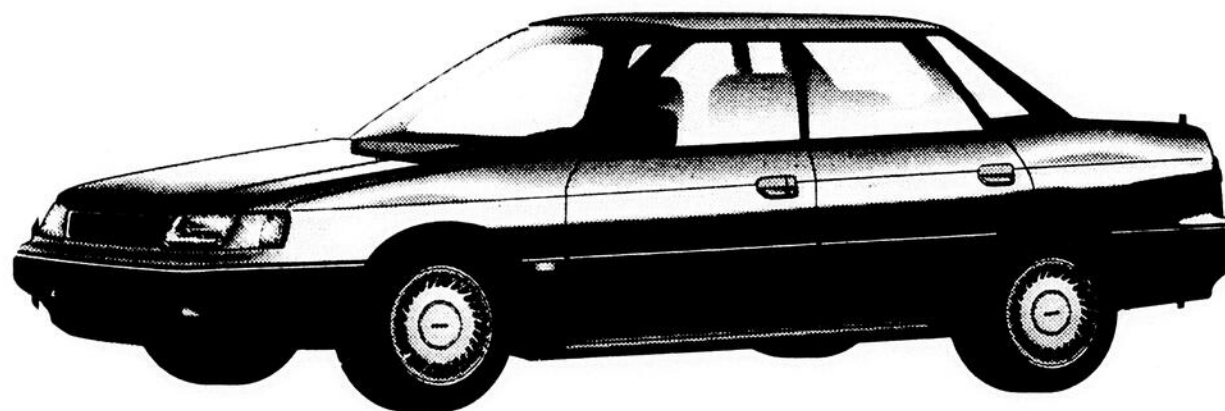
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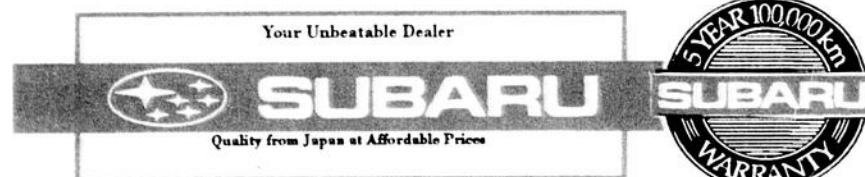
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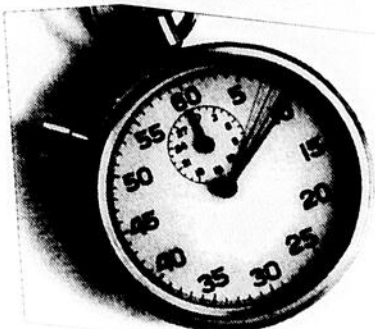
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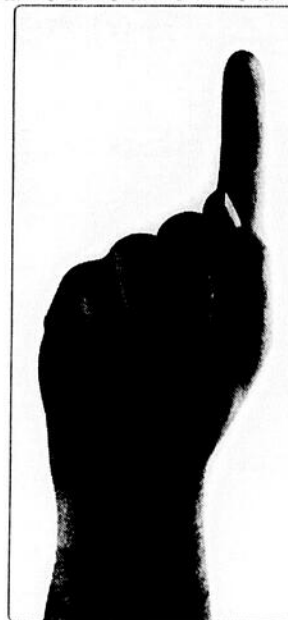
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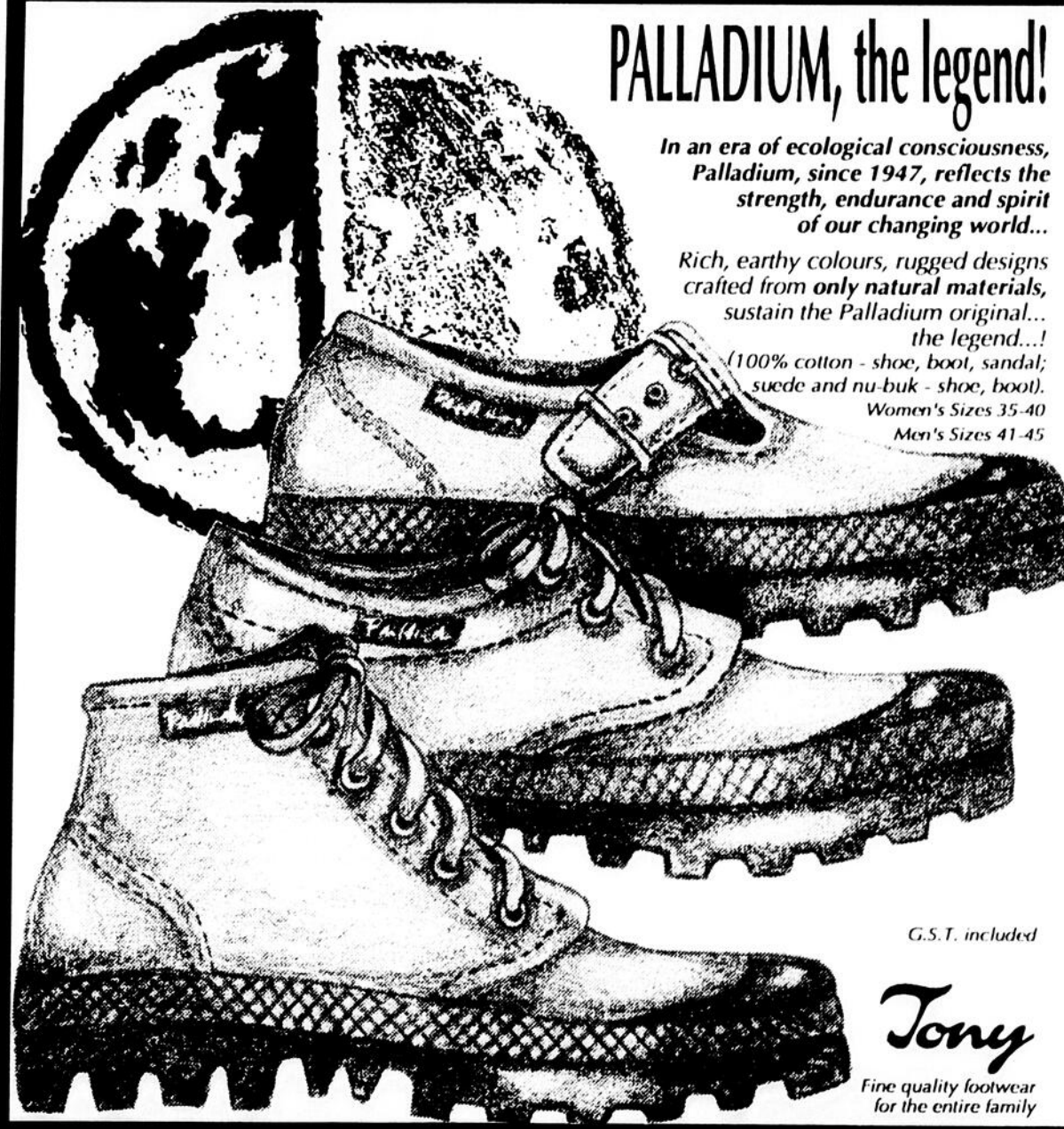
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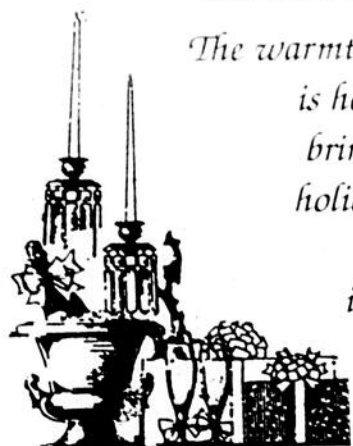
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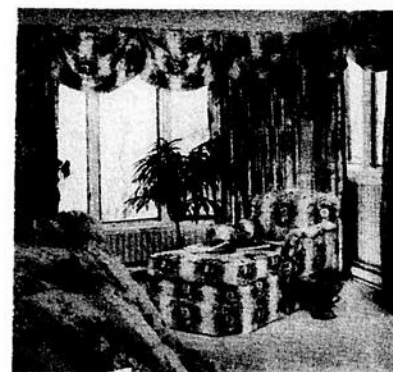
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Recording artist Scot Lang puts his imagination to canvas

By JANET COUTTS

The way Scot Lang tells it, much of his life was a question of being in the right place at the right time.

"I met Peter Max in Japan when I was 18, but I didn't know who he was. I went to one of his exhibitions, and thought that maybe there was something in making your living from art."

(Max is a painter/designer whose career peaked in the '60s and '70s; he is perhaps best known for the Beatles movie *Yellow Submarine*.)

"I met Dan Delaney soon after that. He came over and made a painting at my house, and I gave him a car in trade for it. That's when I started collecting."

"We brought the painting to the license bureau and Dan handed over the painting and I gave him the registration in front of the clerk."

A car — it was a Chevy Nova, Lang recalls — was a high price to pay. Lang explains his generosity: "I had just had 13 number one songs in a row in French."

Lang's main career has been in music, and he started drawing only a year ago.

"I painted since I was five, but I never thought I was any good."

"My father, who was also a musi-

cian, used to paint, and he taught me when I was small."

Thirty-five of his watercolours, mostly flowers and nature, with a few well-known faces, including Joni Mitchell — "I've known her since I was seven, and she gave me five minutes to draw her during her record launch last month," will be on display at the Delaney gallery, 318 Victoria Ave., from Saturday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Nov. 29. At the vernissages on Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., he will launch his latest record, *Zebra*, his second release this year.

Lang, 39, has worked with so many people — the list reads, in part, James Taylor, José Feliciano, Buddy Guy and Junior Wells, Doc Watson, Diane Dufresne — that he can't remember some of them. His agent reminded him the other day that he had made a cut with Bobby Darrin.

"Who's Bobby Darrin?" he asked.

Lang's publicity describes him as a guitarist, keyboard player, bassist, arranger, producer, songwriter and artist. And now he is about to work with a writer on his biography, *Sideman Sideways*. It will include a number of his paintings, some of those not included in his show at Delaney.



Scot Lang stands in front of a rapid self-portrait, which is now part of the exhibit at Galerie Dan Delaney. His re-entry into art after letting it peter off as a child was to do a quick portrait of Joni Mitchell.

Photo by CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT

Adopted books find new home at the library

Westmount Public Library is trying out a fundraising scheme intended to fill the stacks and keep its collection up to date.

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Each adopted book will contain a nameplate. The average book, and minimal suggested Adopt-A-Book donation, is \$30.

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Ms. Lydon is encouraged by the program's success in other places, such as the New York Public Library, one on Vancouver and, closer to home, the Fraser-Hickson.

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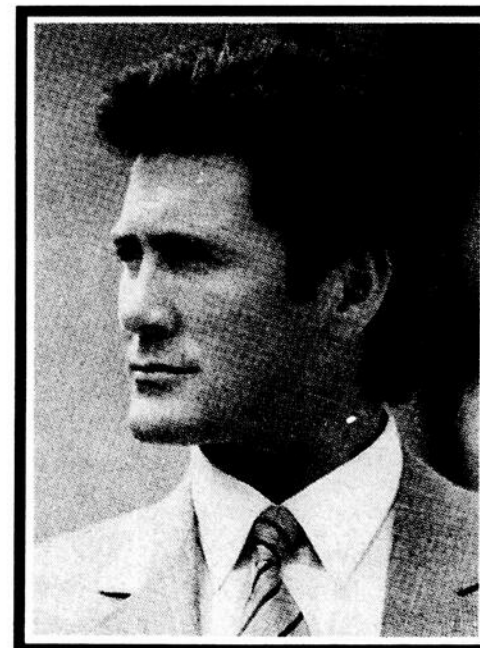
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More than 40 books by eight members of the Association of English-language publishers of

Quebec will be presented and many of the authors will be available for signings throughout the afternoon.

Nuage Editions is launching an anthology of plays from across Canada, selected and edited by Ms. Curran, titled *Escape Acts*:

Seven Canadian One-Acts.

Excerpts from four of the plays will be read at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Curran will read excerpts from George Rideout's "Texas Boy" with Mr. Rideout. Claire Crawford will read from "Simonetta Boynton Visits the Orient" by Ms. Curran. Miriam Samuels and Harriette Colle will read from "Vengeance" by Aviva Ravel, and Sonya Biddle and Amanda Strawn will read from "Eileen and Lillian Forever" by Bonnie Farmer.

Mr. Harris will launch *New and Selected Poems*, his first book in seven years. It is a survey of his writing from 1976 to the present. More than half the poems included have not previously been published. He will read at 3:50 p.m.

Trees to hide home

The benefits won't really be felt until next spring but, frost permitting, the city of Westmount will plant about 20 trees in the Westmount Athletic Grounds before the end of November.

Red Caluori, head of public works, says the trees — a mixture of poplars, spruce and pine — will provide a "visual screen," hiding the red-brick walls of Centre d'ac-

cueil St. Margaret.

"Before the St. Margaret's home was built," says Mr. Caluori, "there used to be a lot of trees and the people living on the east-side of the park — on Hallowell — had quite a nice view."

The advent of the senior's home meant the end of that view, but the city hopes the new trees will improve the situation.

Fatigue overcomes patient

A man in a wheelchair with no identification was at the corner of Victoria Avenue and St. Catherine Street early Sunday evening. He told the public safety officer that he was on his way to the Queen Eliza-

beth Hospital but was too exhausted to make it all the way there. The officer packed the chair and his passenger into the vehicle and transported him to the hospital.

Church of the Advent celebrates centennial

One hundred years ago this month, the Church of the Advent at the corner of Wood and de Maisonneuve opened its doors to the faithful of Westmount.

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Its interior is described as having "a quiet and beautiful simplicity, reminiscent of a country church, which is what it was 100 years ago." In 1896, the Church of the Advent became a separate parish, its bounds extending to Fort Street on the east, Greene Avenue on the west and north to the city limits.

June Paterson, rector's warden, says the parish's centennial will be marked on Advent Sunday, Nov. 29, with a 10 a.m. Eucharist celebrated by the Anglican Bishop of Montreal, the Right Rev. Andrew Hutchison.

The church's anniversary year has also been a year of considerable change. September saw the induction of a new rector, the Rev. Robert Warren, who replaced the Rev. Eric Dungan, who'd held the post since 1970.

The Church of the Advent has

St. A-D-Ders on retreat

Some 25 members of St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church congregation will travel to Solitude Ste-Croix at St. Anicet this weekend for an elders' retreat. From Friday night and into Sunday the group will spend time in fellowship and reflection on their role as elders.

Leading the retreat are Rev. Bob Shank and Rev. Ruth Brown, staff associate Joyce Schaaf, Kiki Tremaine and Miriam Tees. Music will be provided by associate choir director Rafael de Castro.

At service at the church on Sunday, Mr. Shank's sermon is "Going Up."

Babar books

A representative from Barbar Bookstore will be at St. George's School, 3685 The Boulevard, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. with French and English books for children from four to 13 for sale.

Colonoscope bought for the Reddy

The auxiliary of the Reddy Memorial Hospital Centre raised \$15,000 to buy a flexible fiberoptic colonoscope. The instrument, which is used for the early detection and treatment of diseases of the colon and rectum, will be used in the main operating room and the rectal diagnostic room of the hospital. On Nov. 10, it was presented to Dr. Harry Stevens, chief of surgery.

It has been used twice to detect the disease, caught in a stage of early development.

A plaque at the hospital was recently dedicated in memory of Zita Grossbaum in recognition of her years of service and dedication to the Reddy.

Bridge lunch benefits MCH

A recent bridge luncheon held at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church for Montreal Children's Library raised about \$1,800, after expenses, according to co-convenors Heather Gibbons and Anne Kugler.

There were 24 tables of rubber bridge and 11 of duplicate. The winners of the duplicate game were Sylvia Silver of Le Sanctuaire and Sylvia Fish of Côte St. Luc. Second were Sally Tingley and Nancy Grant of Westmount.

Books donated to high school

Westmounters Catherine Bates, Roma Gelblum Bross, Margaret Gillett, Julie Houghton Keith, Claire Rothman and Bonnie Shemie are all writers, and now even more Westmounters will be reading their works.

Arts Westmount donated a collection of 16 books to Westmount High School as a token of gratitude for the use of the school for the September festival. The other 10 books are by Montreal writers who either teach or live in the city, with the exception of *Robin Hood*, donated because it was the theme of the children's tent last year.

Past president of the festival Dr. Ashton Kerr was on hand for the presentation as were vice-president Chloe Price, honorary patron Helene Saly, WHS principal Richard Meades and WHS head librarian Wendy Hayes.

The books will be on display outside the library, as will a listing of Westmount writers.

Vanguard bazaar

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The village of Knowlton, just an hour's easy drive east of Montreal, has the romantic appeal of all of the above, and more. As the weather cools, snow is in the air and as we approach the end of November the entire community is coming alive for the Christmas season, which will be launched officially this weekend with the community's annual "Christmas Prelude."

The season will officially start at 7 pm Friday, Nov. 27, just 28 quick and busy days before Christmas Eve. The stores will be opened for shoppers' convenience throughout the evening. They will be decked out in their best, each with Christmas displays in their windows to welcome browsers and shoppers with their own special charm.

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There are other clothing stores to be found just where they were last year, including **Polo-Ralph Lauren** which offers sophistication for men and women.

Also on the tour are **Designart**, with a unique collection of accessories for the home including bird houses, and **Zebraz** boutique which

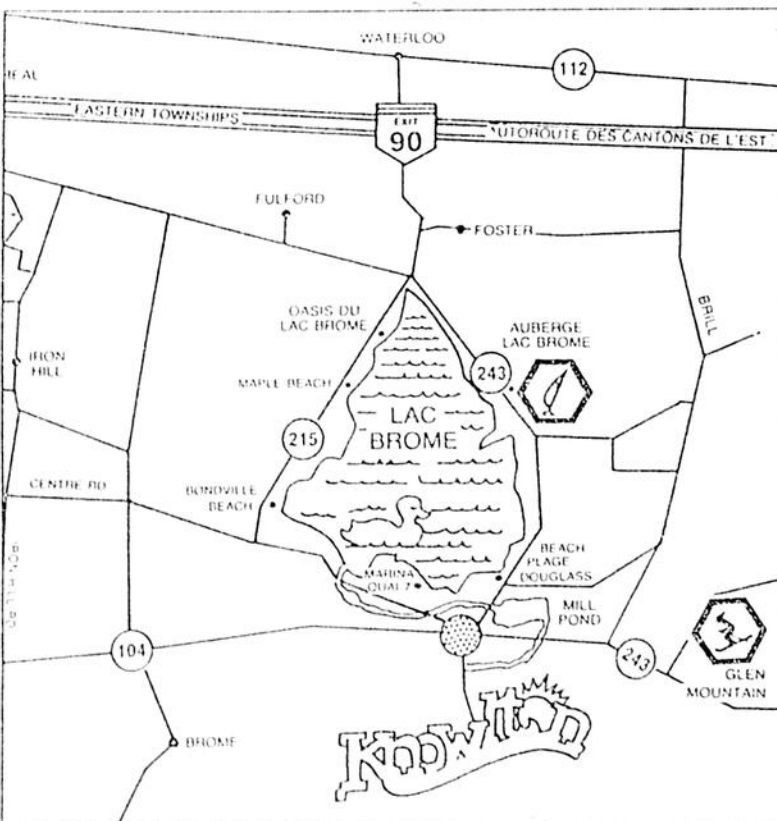
carries imported kitchen items from glasses to rugs.

There are many shops and attractions to be found in Knowlton simply by exploring the picturesque streets. The town's restaurants can be

matched with the best for their food and ale, ambience and warmth.

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Knowlton and the area around Lac Brome is a pleasant 75-minute drive away from Montreal, via the Champlain Bridge and Highway 10 (Eastern Townships Autoroute), both of which are toll-free. The municipality of Lac Brome was founded in 1971 and encompasses the area around the lake, including the village of Knowlton itself. To get to Knowlton, take exit 90 from Highway 10 and follow Route 242 south on a scenic 15-minute drive along the lakeside.



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Santa to set up southern headquarters in Knowlton

The Knowlton Merchants have successfully landed their bid to host Santa and Friends this Christmas season. A spokesperson at Santa's North Pole Head Office said, "We've always felt Knowlton had great possibilities for us. Knowlton has more than enough Christmas spirit and we feel very comfortable with their country-style hospitality."

Judy Mullins, who designed and coordinated the project on behalf of the Knowlton Merchants, was full of praise for the cooperation she received putting the bid together. "I believe we succeeded for several reasons," she said. "For example, Mrs. Claus loved the location, the award-winning, restored building in

front of L.L. Brome and Santa himself liked the idea that Marty Gillespie was going to provide the Knowlton headquarters with his fabulous electric train set."

Judy Mullins also said she believed that having Cam and Helen Brown of Camlen's Christmas Shop in on the decoration of the Knowlton office helped the bid. "The Brown's support really carried some weight for us — they are really respected at The North Pole for being able to keep the Christmas spirit alive 365 days a year."

Judy went on to describe what visitors will experience at Santa's Country Home this Christmas. "It will be like a combination of Eaton's

Santa and Ogilvy's Christmas window. Lots of fun for everybody. François Desjardins will be on hand to sell mounted Polaroids to those who wish to be photographed with Santa."

Santa also said he was very pleased that his Knowlton House would be helping the Knowlton Food Bank by acting as a drop-off point during the holidays as well as helping the Knowlton Academy Co-operative Nursery School by providing them with a place to sell pointsettias.

Santa's Country House will open on Friday, November 27th with Santa arriving at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Santa will then be there every Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30 and on Monday, December 21st to Wednesday December 23rd again from 12:30 to 4:30.

The jolly old gent in the red suit has a busy schedule in December but Santa Claus is finding time to make a grand entrance into Knowlton on Saturday, Dec 12.

The annual Santa Claus Parade organized by the local Lions Club will begin at 2 pm at the IGA parking lot. The route will take it along Knowlton road (Main street), up England Hill (Lakeside street), along Victoria street to Knowlton Academy.

Santa should reach the Academy at about 3 pm, after which he will go inside to the school basement and make himself available to visit with

children to hear special requests.

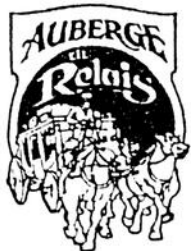
Prizes will be offered for the best floats in the parade.

The Santa Claus Parade is organized every year by the Lions Club whose members put a lot of hard work into it for the sake of the children and the young-at-heart at this time of year.

The parade makes a great excuse to head out to Knowlton to find some unique gifts in the village's many interesting stores and boutiques away from the panic and scrum of city shopping. As well, most stores in the village are open Sundays.



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The House of Blue Leaves by John Guare, to be presented in Westmount by Westmount-based Trumverate Theatre Company, is sheer, joyous silliness.

Artie Shaughnessy (William Saddler) is a failed songwriter who wants to go to California to do music for movies. His nutty girlfriend Bunny Flings (co-artistic director Penny Mancuso) is supportive of his dream, but urges him to first have his inconveniently mad wife Bananas (Westmounter and co-artistic director Colleen Curran) committed to a mental hospital.

"She keeps crawling under the weather," is how the script describes her illness.

The Pope is coming to New York (it is 1965), and the Shaughnessy son Ronnie (Dome graduate Danny Brochu), who has been drafted into the Marines, is lurking about.

A deaf movie star shows up, and a trio of nuns (including Westmounter Ais Snyder) demands shelter from the October chill.

There's an MP (Dome grad Dean Marshall) after the AWOL Marine and a man in white turns up from the hospital.

Finally, there is Artie's best friend, Billy Einhorn. "Your best friends stay your best friends precisely because you don't call them in the middle of the night," Artie says of him.

He calls in the middle of the night, of course. He is reluctant to do that, but there's not much else he hesitates over.

The play is an Equity showcase, and therefore can be shown for six performances only, tonight to Dec. 5 at the Atwater Library. We all need a belly laugh now and then; this play provides it. The sight of Ms. Mancuso all in shocking pink alone is worth the admission price of \$10.

Westmounters nominated for QSPELL awards

Tomorrow evening at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, more than one Westmounter's heart will be beating faster than usual.

Novelist Ray Smith, poet Louis Dudek and non-fiction writers Charles Taylor and Mary Meigs are all nominated for QSPELL awards which will be given out. The three winners will get, in addition to prestige, \$2,000.

Mr. Smith is nominated for his *A Night at the Opera*; also nominated for the "Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction" are Denis Denisoff for *Dog Years* and Yeshim Ternar for

Orphaned by Halley's Comet.

Mr. Dudek is nominated for the poetry prize for *Small Perfect Things*. His poetry is competing against that of Naomi Guttman's *Reasons for Winter* and Sharon Nelson's *The Work of Our Hands*.

Ms. Meigs and Mr. Taylor are both nominated in the non-fiction category; Ms. Meigs for *In the Company of Strangers* and Mr. Taylor for *The Malaise of Modernity*.

They are competing against Charles Foran's *Sketches in Winter*.

QSPELL (Quebec Society for the Preservation of English-Language Literature) was founded in 1988 to encourage and support English writing in Quebec. Eligible books for this competition were published between May 16, 1991, and May 15 of this year, by writers living in Quebec.

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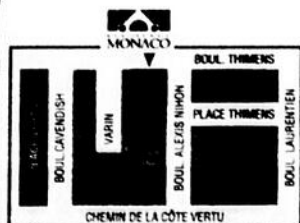
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This well-behaved two-year-old collie mix has been at the SPCA, 5215 Jean Talon St. W., since Oct. 1. His new adoptive family must have him neutered. His file number is 10061 and he costs \$95.

Photo by BEVERLY COOK

Food for needy can replace library fines

Boxes for the collection of non-perishable food items will be present in the Westmount Public Library from Nov. 23 to Christmas week. The collection forms part of the Christmas basket campaign organized annually by the Westmount PSU.

On the weekend of Saturday, Dec. 5, and Sunday, Dec. 6, library borrowers with overdue books, cassettes, videos or compact discs will be given the choice of paying their fines or making donations to the food boxes. The fine money collected will be added to the food parcels so that, either way, the needy members of the community will benefit.

Roslyn food drive now on

The Roslyn Home and School Association is collecting non-perishable food for Christmas baskets at the school. There is a basket in each of the 26 classrooms, and children are encouraged to bring donations from home.

St. Léon tree against torture

St. Léon de Westmount Church's Christians for the Abolition of Torture is decorating a tree for street children, and invite Westmounters to join them in the project.

Bulbs for the tree cost \$1 and are for sale at the church. The tree is to be lighted on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., following a brief service. At the same time, people are asked to sign and mail a postcard supporting the street children of Brazil who are mistreated, tortured and even killed by the authorities.

Roslyn fair

Roslyn Home and School Association will hold a giant bake sale and book fair, co-sponsored by Oink! Oink!, on Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The book fair continues Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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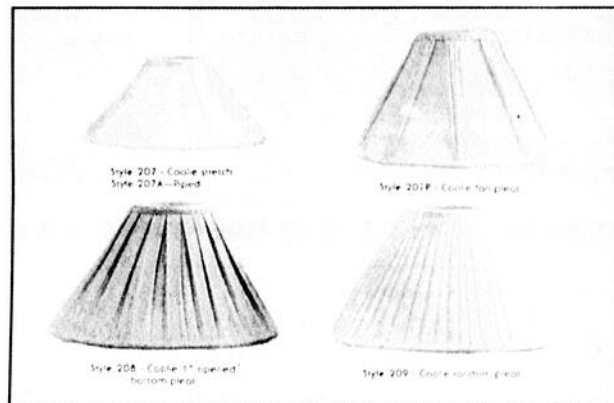
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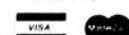


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Traditional carol service returns to St. Matthias'

The St. Matthias' Mens and Boys Choir, under the direction of Michael Capon, will perform its annual advent carol service Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. at the church, Metcalfe St. and Côte St. Antoine Rd.

"It's a very impressive entrance to the Christmas season," says Byron Harker, tenor soloist with the choir. "It's the service people come to when they expect certain traditional things."

The music is interwoven with a series of readings foretelling the coming of Christ. "It is partially penitential," Mr. Harker says, "and the music can be a bit stern."

The service is punctuated by antiphons, sung by the men only. Bernard Bourgeois, baritone soloist, says, "It brings us back to medieval times — the Gregorian chant — it's not a precise notation so it takes a lot of practice."

And practise they do. The choir begins rehearsing more than a month before the service, in addition to preparing for regular Sunday services. For the advent service, they must learn seven anthems, including "Adam lay y bounden" by Ledger, "The Linden Tree" by Archer, "And the glory of the Lord" from Handel's *Messiah* and Gibbon's "This is the record of John."

There will be hymns during which the congregation can raise its voice, beginning with the traditional favourite, "O come, O come, Emmanuel."

The service begins with the church in darkness and with a call to the light. Then the choir processes in, holding candles, bringing the light into the darkness. It's not all carols and light, however.

"It's a drag to walk upstairs in long robes with a candle and sheets of music, singing," Joseph Baug-niet, 13, says with a grin.

The St. Matthias' Mens and Boys Choir is made up of 18 boys, seven to 15 years old, and 16 men.



Members of the St. Matthias' Choir of Men and Boys during the 1991 Advent Carol Service.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Giant Steps bazaar and bake sale

The Giant Steps Bazaar and auction will be Sunday, Nov. 29, at Victoria Hall. A bake sale and bazaar takes place from 1 to 3 p.m.; the auction from 3 to 5 p.m. All items are new.

Items to be auctioned include a dishwasher, refrigerator, microwave, 1,000 litres of home heating oil, airline tickets, jewelry, hockey tickets, small appliances and electronics, gift certificates and more. Admission is free to the sale or to observe. Bid numbers for the auction cost \$5.

Proceeds go to Giant Steps, a bilingual therapeutic school for children with autism, developmental delays and other neuro-integrative dysfunctions. The school is in Westmount.

Collins show at Delaney

Westmounters look forward to John Collins' annual show of Montreal street scenes at Galerie Dan Delaney, and this year it takes place from Dec. 1 to 22.

The vernissage for the exhibition is Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The gallery is a 318 Victoria Ave.

The annual vernissage has a chequered past. One year, when Mr. Collins prices were a bit low for the market, latecomers had nothing to choose from — everything had sold in the first 45 minutes. Then in 1990, nobody came to the opening; there was a blizzard that night.

Artists in group show

Westmount artists Eudice Garmaise, Sarah Gersovitz, Marian Scott, Catherine Bates and Tobie Steinhouse, RCA, have works included in the 30th annual exhibition and sale of art being held by the Thomas More Institute for Adult Education at the Maison de la culture de Côte des Neiges, 5290 Côte des Neiges Rd., until Nov. 29. There is one work for each of the 60 artists.

All five artists have shown their work at the exhibition in past years;

two, Ms. Steinhouse and Ms. Scott, had work in the first exhibition in 1963 and have continued showing annually ever since, with the exception of last year, when Ms. Scott missed due to ill health.

The exhibition and sale is a showcase for contemporary, professional Quebec artists. Each year a work is purchased for the institute's permanent collection — Ms. Scott won the purchase award in 1967 and Ms. Gersovitz in 1977. This year's purchase award goes to Francine Simonin.

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Canadian? It's cool

Westmounter dreams up stunt

By J. MARION FEINBERG

THEIR future's so bright, they gotta wear shades.

At least 40 Dawson students paused to be photographed in sunglasses as part of a Cool to be Canadian event Friday afternoon last week.

Organizer and Westmounter Philip McMaster enlisted the help of the Dawson Political Awareness Society and the Dawson Institute of Photography to get students thinking about Canada. He declared the afternoon session an unqualified success.

"We're trying to rekindle a sense of optimism and a feeling of confidence about the future of young people in this country," said Mr. McMaster, 35, who is also a Dawson photography student. "There's a helluva lot of cynicism among youth in general."

Tony Manarolis, 17, said he forgot his sunglasses but borrowed a pair for the shoot because he wanted to be a part of it.

"You can't say it in words, but it means a lot," he said.

By 12:50 p.m. a small crowd gathered on the upper level of the Dawson atrium near the Metro entrance. Some people shyly put on their shades as Mr. McMaster pulled them out of the crowd and into the friendly glare of the photogs' flash. Huge "Cool to be Canadian" posters are the backdrop for the rapid fire portraits that are being shot amidst the hustle and bustle of the busy college.

Two DIP photographers for whom Canada has become their adopted country praised the idea of the event.

"I don't blame them for wanting to be Canadian and being proud of it," said James Gutierrez.

Anne Fourquier, born in France, agreed.

"What makes Quebec is thanks to Canada and vice versa," she said. "It's the interrelation and the exchange that goes on that's important. Both stand as powerful and important societies."

The whole idea of being Canadian and cool is a way to attract young people's attention, said Mr. McMaster. He said the portraits would likely be displayed at some future date.

"It converts and subverts coolness. We're trying to generate new attitudes toward life, specifically public life," he said. "We need a process of drawing out leadership qualities in young people and to get them out of sheep mode." Mr. McMaster said he started doing all this when he decided it was the right thing to do and that someone had to do it. He said he is on no one's payroll and pays for the expenses out of his own pocket.

Twenty-year-old Shaheda Khan asked a spectator what the stunt was all about and decided to join in.

"Being Canadian means opportunities, a good education and living in a beautiful country with lots of rights," he said.



Philip McMaster, far left, is one of Dawson's photography students taking pictures of a patriotic event he arranged by urging fellow students to wear sunglasses to prove that being Canadian is "cool."

Scouts strap on skates to raise cash



Jerome Van de Ven adjusts the skates of Boy Scout Mark Spielman, 14, during Saturday's Scout Skate-A-Thon at Westmount arena. The annual fundraiser garnered \$9,695 in pledges for the Westmount Scouting movement and Telethon of Stars. A total of 137 participated.

Photo by CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT

Minor hockey teams from Cape Ann play locals

Continuing a tradition started in 1987, minor hockey teams from Cape Ann, Massachusetts will visit Westmount this weekend, Nov. 27 to 29.

As part of their visit to West-

mount, the Cape Ann players will be treated to a tour of the Montreal Forum and an actual game — Canadiens versus the Vancouver Canucks — on Saturday night.

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Ainsi, à l'occasion du 44ème de la Déclaration des Droits de

l'Homme, le 10 décembre, l'ACAT invite les chrétiens à poser un geste d'espérance: tout le monde peut, le soir de ce 10 décembre, allumer une bougie (disponible à l'église St-Léon pour 1\$ ou n'importe quelle autre bougie) et la disposer près d'une fenêtre de façon à ce qu'elle soit visible de l'extérieur. Ce geste tout simple fera jaillir des centaines de lumières pour réconforter ceux qui ont perdu l'espérance.

Les paroissiens de St-Léon et tous les chrétiens de Westmount sont par ailleurs invités à décorer ensemble un arbre de Noël qui resplendira de lumières jaunes, signes de paix et d'espérance. Ces ampoules sont également disponibles à l'église St-Léon pour \$1. L'arbre de Noël, devenu arbre de paix, arbre de vie pour les "jeunes de la rue" sera illuminé le mercredi 9 décembre à 19h30, à l'occasion d'une brève rencontre de partage et de prières.

Enfin, les chrétiens peuvent aussi signer et poster une carte postale en faveur des "jeunes de la rue" du Brésil, maltraités, parfois torturés, et même tués. On peut trouver ces cartes à l'arrière de l'église.

SPORTS STANDINGS

HOCKEY

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey league as of Tuesday, November 23, 1992:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
SENIOR A							
Jets	9	6	0	3	44	18	15
Rangers	9	4	3	2	31	28	10
Red Wings	8	4	3	1	30	23	9
Blues	9	4	4	1	26	32	9
Whalers	9	0	8	1	18	48	1
SENIOR B							
Fathers	9	9	0	0	43	15	18
Devils	8	5	1	2	34	17	12
Sharks	9	4	2	3	27	25	11
Flyers	8	3	2	3	22	20	9
Hawks	9	2	6	1	25	39	5
Oilers	9	2	7	0	21	37	4
Kings	8	0	7	1	9	28	1
EXECUTIVE							
Engineers	6	5	1	0	22	9	10
C.A.	6	4	2	0	14	14	8
Law	6	3	3	0	22	13	6
M.B.A.	6	3	3	0	18	18	6

Brokers	6	2	3	1	16	15	5
P.H.D.	6	0	5	1	10	31	1
NOVICE							
Sharks	8	5	2	1	41	29	11
Guards	8	4	2	2	36	29	10
Dragons	8	4	3	1	30	32	9
Bears	8	3	3	2	30	31	8
Senators	7	3	3	1	38	34	7
Canadiens	7	0	6	1	19	39	1
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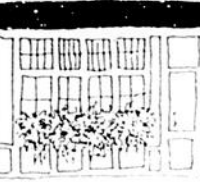
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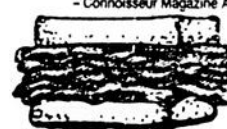
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Flasher seen

Two 17-year-old Villa St. Marcelline students witnessed a

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The man was described as black-haired, about 35 years

old, wearing jeans and a red nylon jacket. They said they saw him kneeling with his pants down, according to reports.

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Tables turned in nighttime robbery

An off-duty security guard was held up at the National Bank of Canada bank machine Friday after 1 a.m. by a young man with a gun, but the victim managed to overpower and disarm the man, police said.

The victim was a 29-year-old Montrealer who was withdrawing money from the machine located at 4084 St. Catherine St. when the would-be holdup artist told him to "Give me your money," said police. The victim replied, "F-you" according to the report, and a fight broke out between them.

The suspect then ran off to Wood Avenue where an accomplice was waiting in a car. The black air gun and baseball cap were found at the scene of the crime. Investigators are checking whether or not the bank video camera was operational during the holdup.

Car jumps curb, cyclist downed

A 28-year-old Montreal woman fell off her bicycle while trying to avoid a car that was doing an illegal U-turn on Greene Avenue, police said. The car jumped the curb, forcing the cyclist to swerve and fall on the sidewalk.

The incident occurred Wednesday last week.

There was no collision between the bike and the car, according to police. The cyclist was limping but refused to go to hospital and the driver was ticketed for the moving violation.

Fear foils gunman

The paralyzing fear experienced by a 21-year-old cashier at M. Félix and Mr. Norton foiled a holdup attempt Sunday morning, police said.

The victim was working alone when a male suspect entered the store, approached her and asked her to open the cash. The suspect was carrying a revolver, the report said.

The cashier was so nervous she was unable to open the cash. The suspect then ran west-bound on Sherbrooke Street. A note that read 'Have a gun, give me your money' was left on the scene, police said.

Fake cheque given woman selling mink

Police are investigating a fraud case involving a mink coat and a certified cheque.

A man described as 25 years old with brown hair responded to a classified ad placed by a Westmount woman in an attempt to sell the coat, police reports said. The man came to her house, gave her the cheque and took the fur coat. The cheque was returned by the bank. Police said this was not the first time a case of falsified certified cheques were reported in the area.

Vandals mementos

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